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OPINION NO.

1996.01.103

The Missouri Ethics Commission, at its January 23, 1996 meeting, discussed your request for an opinion. The following is in response to your question: *If a corporation, association, or membership organization invites a public official to a board of directors, board of trustees, stockholders, or members meeting, may the organization provide travel expenses; provide a meal or expenses for a meal; provide entertainment; provide an honorarium, if the official speaks to the meeting, and/or provide motel or living quarters or expenses for the same? If these amenities may be provided, how should they be reported?*

The Commission stated, a corporation, association, or membership organization may provide the amenities outlined above. The lobbyist for the organization providing the amenities must report such expenditures. The recipient must report the travel expenses, if incurred outside the State of Missouri, and motel and living expenses, along with any honorarium or gift valued at more than \$200, on their Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Marion N. Sinnett
Administrative Secretary

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